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CALFED Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
Sacramento, CA 95814RE: June 25, 1999 EIR/EIS
State Clearinghouse No. 96032083

Please accept these comments on the Draft EIR/EIS filed on June 25, 1999 on behalf of the Cahto Tribe of Laytonville Rancheria, a federally recognized tribe.

The Cahto Tribe notes that the Draft EIR/EIS gives cursory treatment to Native American rights at section 7.15, stating that Native American rights and issues will be addressed in the context to future specific projects. The Cahto Tribe, however, strongly opposes any transfer of water or water rights among the users or participants of the CALFED Program prior to the determination and quantification of Native American property and water rights, including cultural resources. Any proposal to transfer water must accommodate Native American rights to the water and other environmental resources.

The Cahto Tribe must assume that such recognition of Native American rights will be accomplished on a government-to-government level by treaties or compacts among the Native American governments, the United States, and the State of California. The framework of such treaties and compacts must be discussed in the EIR/EIS as part and parcel of the Native American rights.

The Cahto Tribe is also requesting a 120 day extension to the commenting period to review the EIR/EIS in order to comment on Native American cultural issues that have not yet been addressed.

Sincerely,

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Tribal Chairperson

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